

## - For Immediate Release -

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## Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer Seizes 50 Pounds of Marijuana During Afternoon Rush-hour Traffic

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4:45p.m., an Arizona Department of Public Safety Officer stopped a 1998 Mercury Sable for an HOV lane (carpool) violation on eastbound I-10 near 32<sup>nd</sup> Street. The driver of the vehicle did not have a driver's license. During an inventory of the vehicle's trunk, two plastic trash bags were found containing a combined 50 pounds of Marijuana. Officers also found a fully loaded 9mm Lugar handgun under the front seat of the vehicle.

Arrested: Alfoud U. Teodolo, 25, Mesa

Teodolo was booked into the Maricopa County Jail for Transportation of Marijuana for sale, Possession of Marijuana for sale, weapons misconduct, and forgery of a written instrument.

DPS seized the vehicle, weapon, \$703 in U.S. Currency and 670 Pesos.

"In addition to making our Highways Safer, aggressive highway enforcement has a significant impact on major criminal activity. It doesn't matter whether it's a long stretch of rural highway or a busy urban interstate like I-10, DPS Officers continue to make our communities safer," said Commander Thomas Woodward, Metro East Patrol Bureau Commander.